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Monthly Thoughts

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Illumination: The quickening power of the Holy Spirit is active in me, and the radiant light of Christ makes plain my way.

Healing: "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Touching the hem of His garment of Truth, I am healed.

Prosperity: The superabundant riches of the Christ mind are mine, and I am prospered in all ways.

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Contacting Spiritual Substance

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SCIENCE IS now teaching what religion has always taught, that there is a universe within a universe, that things manifest come from the invisible and depend on it for their existence. The character of the invisible has not been truly determined by either until now; science is discovering in the smashing of the atom and the release of its energy that the invisible is powerful beyond the claims of either science or religion.

Science has discovered that this interpenetrating energy answers Paul's description of its omnipresence and that it is "over all, and through all, and in all"; also that in it "we live, and move, and have our being." In other words, we are beginning to get a definite contact with the substance side of God, who is Spirit. That Spirit has spiritual substance has always been a moot question, and still

is by those who follow Jesus without scientific study of the symbols that flooded His life and teaching.

When Jesus changed water into wine, multiplied a few loaves and fishes to feed five thousand, and finally fused life into His dead body, people were not aware that He had made contact through His mind with the mother substance upon which all things have subsistence.

The Bible teaches the existence of this substance of Being, but we have had no yardstick by which to measure it until science gave us the energy potential of the atom and the force it exerts when its power is released.

Man has always had a certain contact with the invisible substance. It was the "garden of Eden" in which the primal man Adam was placed in the very beginning of his existence and in which he was told by Jehovah God "to dress it and to keep it"; that is, to cultivate it.

The universe and all that it contains is under law as precise as mathematics. The number and character of the protons and their constellations of electrons constitute the different kinds of matter. Change the number of these elements and you change the substance. Thus, the dream of the alchemist is fulfilled—one kind of matter is changed into another. By the same law Jesus transmuted His dead body to live atoms and demonstrated the Resurrection.

Jesus, at Jacob's well, told His apostles, "I have meat to eat that ye know not." To the woman at the well He said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of

water springing up unto eternal life."

The woman who was examining one of her hairs to find the number, as Jesus said, "the very hairs of your head are all numbered," was not far wrong. Instead of digits printed on each hair, the electrons composing each hair are numbered.

When asked what electricity is, a scientist replied that he had often thought of it as an adjunct to faith, judging from the way it acts. Thus, we have the electrical key to the constituency of all matter. Find the rate of vibration of a material object and you can move upon its primal character and, if you know how, break down its present form and build it up into a structure of different kind.

Every thought and word man expresses moves the brain cells of his body, and through them radio charges those with whom he associates. We can harmonize and tune in with our associates and take on their thoughts. If we are lifted up in Spirit and are radiating spiritually, the glory of life is being established not only in the minds but in the bodies of those we reach. "Let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

So health and intelligence, love and peace are radiated by those who tune in through faith with Christ. As Paul said: "Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" and "If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies."

No two cells of the body touch—they are all afloat in what may be termed atomic ether, or float-

ing substance. They are not moved by physical force but mental. We move the substance in hands, feet, and every member of the body through impulses propelled by the mind, so that every physical function is given action by the push and pull of thought.

It is of vital importance that we understand and use intelligently this power and dominion implanted in us by the Father.

The reanimating of the faith that moves mountains awakens in us the sleeping power of the word and we see that space is no obstacle to the transmission of the healing substance. We boldly speak the word to absent persons, and they are restored, as was the centurion's servant at the word of Jesus. Thus, absent healing by prayer and affirmation is found to be under law and can be used now as effectually as it was in the time of Jesus.

Scientists say that smashing the atom and releasing its electronic structure makes possible the turning of one substance into another. The promise is that when their machines are perfected they will be able to turn base metals, like lead, into fine metals like gold. Jesus had this ability, but He refused to use it where the selfishness of the personal ego could get in its work. For example, the selfish Satan in Him suggested that He turn stones into bread indicating that He could do it, but He refused.

So we find that if we use the power of Spirit to attain purely selfish ends, our mind eventually becomes confused, and we lose the spiritual power we formerly had. When we put ourself under divine law and raise our consciousness to Spirit generosity we become obedient to divine will. We demon

trate prosperity where there has been poverty and ack. Those who pray for millions are disappointed— he divine supply comes as needed; "Give us this day ur daily bread" is the standard.

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," and our earthly "treasures" will be adjusted to meet very need as it arises. You will not require a large ank account or a stock and bond investment to in- ure a regular income.

Praise and bless the Spirit of plenty and you vill increase its capacity to provide you with every ood thing. See with your mind's eye Spirit sub- tance pouring its riches into your mind and affairs.

His Presence Near

Maurine Hathaway

I feel His presence when I lift my heart
  In gratitude for gifts that He bestows
And blessings that He showers from the start
  Of every passing day until its close—
For beauty to behold, dear friends to greet,
  And joyous tasks that make the hours complete.

But most of all, I feel His presence near
  When confidence and courage seem to be
My highest need; and after prayer I hear
  His still, small voice that speaks so tenderly:
"Trust thou in Me. Let fear and doubting cease,
  For I will comfort thee and give thee peace."

No Shadow Cast by Turning

R. H. GRENVILLE

IS GOD DEPENDABLE? At a time when so much in the world seems unstable and shaken, this old cry from man's heart—is God dependable?—is more poignant than ever. And the answer, from those who have known God and proved Him in their own experience, is in a ringing affirmative. Yet perhaps the most reassuring answer to this question comes from the field of science, a field long considered inimical to religious thought.

The object of science is to discover the underlying principles upon which natural phenomena are based, and the conclusion of scientific minds everywhere is that there is nothing haphazard in all creation. Everything in the universe, both concrete and abstract, rests upon principles or laws. It is the discovery and application of principles that make for certainty. The principles of mathematics and harmony assure the mathematician and the composer of results because the principles of mathematics and harmony are reliable, changeless, sure. Two and two make four today and will not make five tomorrow. They make four in America and do not make five anywhere else. They will make four everywhere and forever because the principle underlying this computation is changeless. If it is true that God's universe rests upon principles, can it be less true of God Himself?

Science and religion say no, but there are those

ands of persons to whom God seems an unpre-
lictable Being—one whom they would like to be
ure of but are not. This is because they consider
ppearance rather than principle.

Not so many centuries ago, men believed that
he sun moved around the earth and, by its motion,
aused day and night. Hence, we speak of "sunrise"
nd "sunset." There is great similarity between
nan's mistaken belief about the sun and his mis-
aken belief about God. The erroneous idea of
God holds that His Spirit fluctuates toward and
way from man: when God smiles upon us we are
appy and enjoy every good thing; but when, for
ome inexplicable reason, He turns away, the dark-
ess encompasses us and we experience evil.

To the eye of appearances, this seems a reason-
ble explanation, but science and metaphysics are
oday uniting to prove that the opposite is true. God
s to us as the sun is to the earth, a constant light,
"with whom can be no variation, neither shadow
hat is cast by turning." What a glorious revelation
o all who walk in darkness! What blessed assurance
or those who long for security!

If there is darkness in our life, it is not because
God is displeased with us or indifferent to our peti-
ions, but because in some way we have turned away
rom His light. We know from experience that night
an be very dark indeed and that, looking up at a
ky strewn with stars or dominated by a tranquil
noon, it could seem that the sun has gone forever.
Yet we know that on the other side of the world, the
ide that is turned toward the sun, the sunlight is
s bright as ever.

So it is with us. When darkness envelopes us or some problem casts its shadow on our life, we need to realize that God has not turned away from us. On the other side of the problem—the divine side—His light is shining as brightly as ever, and in that light no darkness exists.

There is nothing else so dependable as God, but each person must prove it for himself. "Be still, and know that I am God." "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts."

How do we "return unto" God? Since we are never separated from Him by so much as a hair breadth, the return is chiefly a matter of attention. Even those who devote regular periods to morning and evening prayer find that all too often the clamor of materiality overwhelms them when they return to external affairs. When the sun is overshadowed the earth instantly changes—her colors are dulled her landscapes appear drab and her inhabitants dowdy. Similarly, when God is overshadowed in our thinking, life becomes clouded by such negative emotions as hurry, worry, resentment, and fear.

Our turning to God is not enough. We must stay turned. This is what the Bible refers to as keeping one's eye single. Jesus so perfectly achieved this that He could declare with confidence, "I and the Father are one."

Science and religion agree that life is a unity. No longer can we classify some things as temporal and other things as eternal. Through the most humble weed, the most solid stone, the most minute of matter runs the white fire of Spirit. How foolish then, to think of our daily life as something apart

from our innate spiritual being!

Life will never be happy until it is whole, and to be whole, it must be based upon our recognition of God's place in it, which is always first place. Whatever our problem, God will solve it. Whatever our prayer, God will answer it. Whatever our need, God will supply it. "Prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to *receive it.*" God does not ask that we take Him on hearsay. He asks only the opportunity to prove Himself in our life.

Like all the other truly great things in life, the practice of the presence of God—the returning unto Jehovah—is grandly simple. We begin where we are, with what we have. If some task has to be done and human consciousness demands that we hurry and spurs us to feverish activity, we should turn quietly within and establish ourself in the poise of Spirit. *"Time belongs to me. I do not belong to time. With God's help, I accomplish all things easily and effectively."*

To relax in the acceptance of such a statement will bring gratifying results. This was proved by a young woman whose husband phoned that he was bringing a guest home for supper. As the wife scurried about in an effort to get things done, it struck her suddenly that, for a Truth student, she was behaving rather foolishly. Turning within, she quietly affirmed her oneness with the universe. "Everything in the universe is divinely ordered and regulated," she declared. "Everything is in its right place at the right time, and so am I."

Almost immediately, a different menu from the one she had been planning flashed into her mind—one that would utilize the food she had on hand and take a minimum of preparation. Needless to say, when her husband and the guest arrived, they found a relaxed, attractive hostess, and not a nervous, distracted one.

This illustrates but one of many opportunities that present themselves to us each day—opportunities to rely on God, to prove His wisdom and willingness. Whatever it is that clouds our life, whether the momentary annoyance of some minor problem or the midnight darkness of some grave trial, we can overcome it by resolutely turning away from the problem and lifting our eyes "unto the hills, whence cometh my help." The "hills" symbolize those high places in consciousness where we lay hold of God's willingness to provide our good.

In the physical night, we must wait for the morning until the earth has completed its cycle and comes again into the light. But in the night of the mind or the heart, in the night of circumstance, there need be no waiting. The instant we turn to God, the light begins to break in consciousness; and our problem, regardless of its nature, no longer seems dark. By holding fast to our faith in the good and by denying the error of appearances, we shall see the light increase in fullness until the night is vanquished and the morning comes.

He satisfieth the longing soul.—PSALMS

The Gift of Joy

L. STEVENS HATFIELD

IN SHAKESPEARE'S "The Merchant of Venice" Gratiano says to Portia and Bassanio,

"My Lord Bassanio and my gentle lady,
I wish you all the joy that you can wish."

Gratiano was putting the responsibility for their joy completely up to them. That we are the creators of our own joy was true centuries ago and is equally true today, for joy is self-generating and indicates the presence of God.

When we live in personal consciousness, we think that persons and external things rule our life. We believe that certain things can limit our joy and happiness. We are happy only when conditions about us are to our liking; but when we rise above personal consciousness and enter spiritual consciousness, we lose sight of external things and cease to think of them as having power over us.

Jesus is often portrayed as a sorrowful, persecuted man with no inclination for joyousness. This is a misconception. If we study His life, we find that He was, except in rare instances, constantly joyous and happy. His friends loved Him, and He was merry with them. Look over your friends. Whom do you like most to be with—the grumblers and complainers or those who possess the spirit of joy?

Paul told the Romans, "Rejoice with them that rejoice." He knew the value of joy, the curative, uplifting power of mirth, for he said further: "In the

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same manner do ye also joy, and rejoice with me."

Do not look to things of the world for your joy and happiness. You will find that they have no power to bring blessings to you, nor do they have power to take your blessings from you. Let the joy of Christ be expressed in you toward all people and all experiences. Let joy be the keynote of your entire life.

Joy is a gift of God—it strengthens, uplifts, and heals. It brightens the gloomiest day, lightens the heaviest tasks, reflects the smile of God upon the faces of His people. When you are conscious of the presence of Christ in your midst, you cannot think of anything in the outer world as having power over you.

There is power, magic, health, and protection in joy. It is a constant and eternal wellspring of good within you. It will respond instantly to every need and quickly lift you out of sorrow, loneliness, and depression. When outer situations appear to be disturbing, turn to this inner spirit of joy and let it have perfect expression in you and through you. It will abolish suffering, injustice, lack, sorrow, and disease and bring in their place strength, love, happiness, peace, and plenty.

"Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace."

Joy is a result of interest and awareness of active appreciation and creative expression. Let your soul be thrilled and exalted as you feel yourself become a part of God's great harmonious plan. Rejoice in the beauties of nature about you, in the kindness and interest of friends, and in your own capabilities

as a child of God. Lift your vision and create about you an atmosphere of peace and happiness.

The joy of Christ is a living thing. It is a cheering, vitalizing, uplifting force that takes the burdens from your shoulders and lessens your responsibilities, bringing an inner gladness to your heart and a smile to your countenance. Joy is His healing remedy for all suffering and sadness; it is His luminous, free, glad way of solving problems, of comforting, blessing, strengthening you. Send your joy forth to cheer and encourage others. As you radiate joy to them, you are uplifted, strengthened, and blessed.

Joy arises from an inner assurance that all is well. Truth teaches that we can and should be joyous even though there is no outward reason for our rejoicing. We learn that joy is ours when we are willing to receive and express it and that we have only to turn within to the Spirit of Christ to be joyful at all times and under all circumstances.

Since God is joy, every child of His should be joyous. When you are in a morose, depressed state of mind, you are likely to encounter all sorts of unfavorable, disconcerting situations. But as soon as you let joy come forth into expression, you see things quite differently. The thing or situation that depressed you is now changed or lost sight of in the radiance that joy expresses. Joy makes your whole world bright and right. It fills your being with tireless energy, strength, and peace. It makes your task easy, your day merry, your sleep serene.

The spirit of joy has been implanted in every person born into the world and, if given opportunity,

it will grow and fill your life. A good laugh will help to set your world in order. Gloom and fear are powerless before the spirit of joy. A good laugh will open the way for constructive thought to work through you. You will see with clearer eyes. Those things which seemed serious, bad, or regrettable can no longer hold you under their spell of depression and worry.

Our thoughts determine not only the character of our moral life but also of our physical appearance and facial expressions. Your maintaining a cheerful, optimistic spirit and a victorious attitude will produce for you a wholesome, satisfying, happy, and healthy life.

Joy is contagious; it blesses everyone who comes in contact with it. There is no handicap, no weakness, no error, no fear that can withstand the power of joy within you. Let this power animate and inspire you; let it gladden your heart; let its cheering rays infold you so that your heart is lifted up, bringing happiness not only to you but to everyone you meet.

"The joy of Jehovah is your strength."

Joy enables you to enter into the kingdom of God here and now and makes it possible for you to establish His kingdom in your environment. Joy enables you to feel the quickening, healing life, love, power, and joy that come from the Spirit of Christ in you.

God's will for you is happiness. Joy is your heritage. Set your mind to thinking happy thoughts regardless of circumstances and you will feel an increase of joy in your heart. Sometimes we feel that we could be happy if our life were different, if some

certain person loved us, if we had all the material things our heart craves. We might indeed be happy for a while, but possessing certain things is no guarantee of happiness. Happiness is an inner achievement, a by-product of constructive thinking and successful everyday living.

The first turning to the spirit of joy in the heart may seem difficult to accomplish, but that is only because we are hesitant to make changes. God implanted the spirit of joy in every heart, and this spirit is responsive, alive, alert. Just the thought of stirring it up will uplift you and completely transform, strengthen, comfort, heal, and enrich you.

Seek joy and you will find it. It will add sparkle to your mind, beauty to your face, health to your body, happiness to your environment. When joy reigns in your heart, you will be victorious over every adverse circumstance. By the radiance of your whole being, you will prove to everyone you meet your sonship to God. Rejoice today in the joy of the Lord.

"Being therefore always of good courage."

Look beyond every form or thought of negation and see a world of love and blessing, a world inspired by joy.

"Be glad and rejoice."

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine."

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.—JESUS

Thine Is the Glory

WORRAL G. SONASTINE

PRAISE, HONOR, admiration, or distinction accorded by common consent to a person or thing" is Webster's definition of the word glory. It is a word not used very extensively in our everyday conversation; but it holds much significance when it is used in the Lord's Prayer to bestow praise upon God and to give Him credit for the magnificent beauty and order of the universe.

That which we glorify, we magnify; and so when we glorify God, we magnify Him in our heart. It all comes down to the fact, then, that the more we glorify God, the more we love Him; and this is the key to success and happiness. Jesus considered loving God the most important thing in the life of man. He named this the first and greatest of all the commandments. Note the wonderful results promised to those who love God: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." "To them that love God all things work together for good."

To love God is to acknowledge Him in all ways, to become better acquainted with Him, and to recognize none other beside Him. Give Him the glory, the credit for all manifestations of power. By loving God in this manner, we become more and more aware of His allness, of our oneness with Him. Evil conditions gradually fade out of our life; and

presently we find ourself free from all bondage. This is the way of Truth, the way of manifestation. First, we recognize God's supremacy, His presence in all things; then we make Him more real in our life by conducting ourself as He is in reality. By loving Him, praising Him, and glorifying Him, we draw close to Him and He to us. Eventually we take on the very essence of His being, and we are one.

An old Negro preacher in our community used to say, "When we glorifies the Lord, we horrifies the Devil, and he gets out of our life arunnin'." The more we glorify God, the less concerned we are with the things of the world. Material possessions become less and less important as we continue to put first things first in our life. This does not mean that we are to despise or belittle the things of the world. It simply means that we are to possess these things and not let them possess us.

The story is told of a young student who, in his earnestness to learn the occult mysteries of the Far East, gave up all material possessions and lived in poverty. Eventually he went to India to visit a great master. When he arrived, he found the great one living in a beautiful palace, surrounded with luxury.

"You are not a true master of the teachings," he said to the great one. "You are a false teacher. How can you claim to possess the power and yet live in such luxury? You know very well that the Spirit cannot be reached by one who possesses material wealth."

As the student continued to berate the master, a fire broke out in the next room, and many valuable art treasures were in danger of being destroyed. The

young man, shouting hysterically, dashed into the room and began to beat wildly at the flames. He called for help, but the master sat quietly by and waited for his servants to extinguish the flames.

"You see, my son," the master said to the student, "it does not matter how many material things you have so long as you possess them and do not let them possess you. If you consider the things of the world so valueless, why did you become hysterical when you saw them about to be destroyed? To me, those things are as nothing. It would not matter to me if they were all destroyed."

It is the glorification of material things that brings evil upon us. Money is not the root of evil, but love of money is. It is not what a rich man possesses that keeps him out of the kingdom of heaven but what he lets possess him. Glorify the things of the world and you soon lose sight of the kingdom of heaven. Glorify God, and His kingdom is yours.

It should be remembered that what we call material things are not something separate from God. They are not something that must be put out of existence through denial. We are standing on the premise that God is all, not a wonderful Being separate from and opposed to certain other things. He is all, "there is none else besides him." With this in mind, it becomes obvious that we do not have to fear, fight against, or try to eliminate the things of the visible realm. We need only to recognize them for what they are, phases of Spirit. They have no power to harm us or to influence us in any way.

Jesus said, "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow . . . Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

I like the way Emmet Fox interprets the word evil in this quotation. He says it means, "Sufficient to each day are the tasks thereof." It is just as important to take no thought of yesterday as it is to take no thought of the morrow. The Master said on another occasion, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead." By living fully in the present, we enjoy the treasures of each golden moment. Glorify the present, and you hitch your wagon to the star of eternity.

When I first began to read books and articles on Truth, I frequently came across statements like these: "Man is a free agent," "God created us with the power of choice," and "We are not automatons or puppets moved about by the pulling of heavenly strings." All this seemed quite logical and desirable to me at the time. I had certain objectives I wished to attain and ambitions I wanted to fulfill. I was not entirely sure that all my desires would square with God's desire for me; so I was glad to be assured that the power of choice was mine. With these thoughts in mind, I went my way, invoking and using the power of God to fulfill my personal desires. I solved certain problems, achieved a few of my objectives, and all in all was quite satisfied with myself.

The time came, however, when I began to feel a sort of emptiness in my heart. Demonstrations of Truth as I was making them no longer satisfied me. I found myself longing for a satisfaction that never came, not even with outstanding demonstrations. Much of the time, I felt ill at ease and depressed.

One day during a particularly depressing period, the following statement appeared in a book I was reading: "Why not stop using God and let Him

use you?" Just like that, a sense of peace and relaxation came over me. The idea was exactly what I needed. After all, was not the greatest prayer ever uttered, "Thy will be done"? Was not this praying, in effect, "Take me, Father, and use me according to Your will"? Was it not precisely what I wanted? Oh, how relaxing and refreshing it was to turn all my burdens over to God with this prayer! What mattered the appearances of evil around me? They were only flickering shadows anyway. God Himself was the only real and lasting thing in the universe. He was all, and in His allness I was swallowed up completely. Now I was glad to let God take over my life and affairs. His way was so much higher than my way, and what was more, His way included the fulfillment of all my needs. It was like heaven on earth —it *was* heaven on earth.

Today my chief concern is to make sure that I am letting God have His way in all my affairs. This is my foremost desire. As long as I let Him guide me from day to day, I do not want for anything.

"My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me
all the days of my life."

Above all, then, let us glorify God and acknowledge Him in all ways. Let us recognize Him as king and ruler over all. Let us glorify His power and co-operate with Him at all times. This is the way of Christ, the way of success and happiness. By glorifying the Father and His power, we help the world to recognize His kingdom on earth. "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen."

THE END

Peace Begins at Home

CLARA BERANGER

CHAPTER THREE

Fear

ON A VISIT to the home of a young friend, I went out to the garden with her four-year-old daughter to see their new "jungle gym," a complicated mechanism of swings, parallel bars, and ladders designed for healthy exercise and play. Just as we entered the garden, the little girl's brother, a child of two, was climbing the ladder, laughing and shouting in great glee. The little girl scampered up after him, and the two children hung from the highest bars, edging along with their hands. The slightest mistake would have toppled them to the ground in what might have been a bad accident. My pulse quickened with apprehension. I glanced at the mother. Her lips were drawn tightly together, and her hands gripped the back of a chair, but she never cried a word of warning to the children. She smiled weakly at me and whispered: "I try never to put a thought of fear into their minds—it isn't fair to them. They are naturally confident and unafraid, and I want them to remain that way. God seems to be taking care of them. They have had no accident and they are getting stronger and more sure of themselves all the time."

I admired her faith and strength of character. Unconsciously she was following a theory that most

of the fears which make human lives miserable are not inborn or instinctive but arise from faulty training and guidance. In one experiment infants whose genetic histories were known were subjected to all kinds of unexpected stimuli—the sight of fire, dark furry objects, snakes, and animals; sudden and loud noises; falling through space into hands held out to catch them, and so forth. The results of this experiment indicated that the only two stimuli which provoked immediate fear reactions in the infants were loud noises and loss of bodily support.

How then have the countless fears that beset the human race and interfere with human efficiency developed? Why is it that scarcely a person in the world is free from fear of some kind? Some of these fears are hidden in the subconscious mind, others are manifested openly.

How much more sensible it would be if we could learn from childhood that there is nothing in the world to fear! How much happier our life would be if we never had to experience the destructive emotion that frustrates our highest aspirations and runs counter to all that is vitalizing and effective in us! Montaigne in his essay on fear wrote: "The thing in the world I am most afraid of is fear, and with good reason; that passion alone, in the trouble of it, exceeding all other accidents."

Of all emotional habits that adversely affect both body and mind, fear with its shadow of worry is the most devastating. Whatever it is that we fear—animals, water, fire, high places, shut-in places, tyrannical power of individuals or nations, or any other admitted or concealed fear—we know for

certainty that it is detrimental to happy and successful living. Consider the physical effects of sudden fear on the body, reactions that we can observe for ourself. Our first impulse is to run away, but we are often "scared stiff." We gasp for breath, we tremble, our knees shake, we get a feeling of terror in the pit of our stomach, we break out in a cold sweat, our heart seems to rise in our mouth. Fear even inhibits the normal action of the whole digestive system!

The only permanent cure for fear is faith—faith in a power that is limitless and omnipresent, that can serve as an anchor at all times and under all conditions, that is ours to draw upon and to use in times of need. The opposite of fear is courage born of faith. If we truly desire a life free from fear and worry and are willing to work for it, we can recondition ourself to develop faith instead of fear. Through our God-given power to control our own mind we can lift up our thoughts to what is good and constructive and direct our energies toward living a fearless, purposive life. We have seen how emotional states influence our body. Similarly, our habitual way of thinking conditions the outer circumstances of our life. Thinking positively and constructively brings positive and constructive results. Thinking negatively produces negative results. Since fear is negative and faith positive, we must substitute faith for fear.

The Bible constantly stresses the futility of doubt, unbelief, and fear and the effectiveness of faith in God as an antidote to fear. Take, for example, the passage from the 27th Psalm:

"Jehovah is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
Jehovah is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?"

Or in the words of Jesus, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Beginning with the Book of Genesis, we find faith regarded as a conscious religious act. Abraham, rich and successful, had so strong a faith in his ability to find God that he departed fearlessly from his own country for the new land of Canaan. His belief in the almightiness of God never wavered. "And he believed in Jehovah; and he reckoned it to him for righteousness." "Is any thing too hard for Jehovah?" The patriarchs, prophets, and poets upon whose lives and philosophies the Old Testament was founded repeat over and over the need for trust in the power, goodness, and love of God.

The words *trust* and *belief,* which are synonymous with *faith,* come from two Hebrew words, *āman,* meaning to believe, and *bātah,* to trust; and they are found frequently in the Old Testament. They reach their deepest significance in the story of Moses and the Exodus, in which God is presented as the constant object of the people's belief and trust in the face of all danger. But it is in the Psalms that active trust in God as the one power forever worthy of trust is most often stressed. Over and over the Psalmist sings of his faith and confidence in God.

"*I had fainted,* unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah
In the land of the living."

"Blessed is the man that maketh Jehovah his trust."
"O my God, in thee have I trusted."

One of the psalms that has helped men to overcome fear in times of danger and given comfort in times of trouble is the 91st Psalm. In the current epidemic of fear that seems to be attacking the whole world, we would do well to reread and meditate upon this psalm and be reminded of the Psalmist's faith that whatever our outward trouble may be we can be delivered if we hold fast to belief in God's power and continually practice His presence in our life.

Consider the opening verse:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Literally translated from the original Hebrew, secret place means covert, a refuge provided by God as a protection from enemies. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, . . . pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee." The meaning, like the first verse of the 91st Psalm, is that by entering into our innermost consciousness and establishing oneness with God we can be certain that God hears our prayers and will guide and protect us.

"I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust."

Could any statement be stronger or more faith inspiring than this short, simple verse? It assures us that God is a permanent stronghold, a safe shelter

to which we can go trustfully in times of danger. Today, when we seem threatened by new fears and dangers, when the newspapers and the radio continually emphasize events that awaken fear, we can become calm by dwelling our thought on this powerful passage, by believing it with all our heart and by saying it over and over until the words are deeply engraved upon our mind.

In the New Testament faith becomes an act of supreme power, the greatest of all human acts and experiences. The demand for faith underlies all of Jesus' teachings concerning God and man's relationship with God; and this concept was carried on by His apostles. Paul's definition of faith is "Faith is assurance of *things* hoped for, a conviction of things not seen" and has been used as the subject of essays, sermons, and religious lessons to stimulate hope and trust. Paul also gives a list of Hebrew characters from Abel through the prophets who, by faith, obtained the object of their desires. They learned by experience that God is "a rewarder of them that seek him."

Today humanity is sick in mind, sick with the fear of atom bombs and bacteriological warfare that could wipe out our civilization and plunge the world into darkness. The only effectual cure for the mental illness that afflicts the world is a change of mental attitude, a realization that we cannot meet this crisis by physical or intellectual means alone. We must raise our consciousness to a level above physical force or material well-being and expand our inherent spiritual potentialities. History should serve as a warning that civilizations built on material glory or

military power crumble into dust. Where is

"The glory that was Greece
And the grandeur that was Rome"?

The United States was founded on the spiritual ideal of freedom. Men and women to whom freedom had been denied hoped to find in the New World what had been refused them in the Old—dignity of the individual and the right to worship God as they wished. This country's significance in history and its destiny among nations are evolving from its having been the first nation ever founded on the spiritual concept of the equality of all men under God. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Through public and private channels, the United States has manifested good will and an unprecedented example of brotherhood by sending food and supplies to a large part of the world. But food and supplies are not enough. The world needs the kind of vital faith in God that drove Abraham to seek Canaan and that gave our forefathers courage to leave a known world and risk the dangers of an unknown land for the sake of spiritual freedom. History records many instances of nations being able to surmount crises because their leaders were men with faith in God, men who relied on Him for guidance. Abraham Lincoln relied constantly on God's guidance. He is quoted as saying: "I am satisfied that when the Almighty wants me to do, or not to do, a particular thing, He finds a way of letting me know it. I am a full believer that God knows

what He wants a man to do, that which pleases Him. It is never well for a man who heeds it not. I talk to God. My mind seems relieved when I do and a way is suggested."

Today's crisis is not merely a conflict between opposing political ideologies; it is a question of survival or annihilation, of life or death. We cannot rest content in our material prosperity or in self-satisfied righteousness because we are giving of our wealth to others. In gratitude for the good life that is ours we must renew and practice faith in God, the giver of all good. We must build a spiritual faith so strong that we can spread our courage and confidence to the whole world. Thus, it becomes the duty of each and every one of us to eliminate fear and build up faith.

Most of us recognize the fears that register in the conscious mind. But seldom do we know the fears that may be lurking in subconsciousness to plague and torment us. Religion recognizes the need to eliminate hidden thought patterns that may be adversely affecting our life and to re-educate the subconscious as well as the conscious mind. Religion uses language as a curative agent—the minister counsels with the use of spoken denials and affirmations. Religion transmutes wrong thinking into right thinking, negative emotions into positive emotions, bad habits into good habits.

For whatever reason you may have allowed fear to become a habit, you can be certain that steady prayer and right thinking can eliminate it. God power has been at work throughout the ages directing man from the darkness of savagery into in-

tellectual and Spiritual light. We have made great progress through the use of our God-given intellect. Our next step up the evolutionary ladder must be along moral and spiritual lines. Our first objective must be the development of a faith that will serve as an ever-present armor against fear. "Withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one."

If fear is either a conscious or unconscious habit, you can be rid of it by affirming: *I have perfect faith in God. I know that His love infolds me, His power protects me, His presence watches over me. I place my life and all my affairs lovingly in His hands.*

You can be helped in prayer and meditation by studying these beautiful words that are taken from the Bible:

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
"I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him."
"Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want."
"Jehovah is my light and my salvation."

"Be not afraid because of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith Jehovah."

"For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline."

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee."

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear."

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

TO BE CONTINUED

To Each His Gift

as told to

CLAIRE COOPER

OFTEN GOD'S WAYS of answering the prayers of His children are strange and mysterious. I think His answer to my prayer was as strange and mysterious as any demonstration I have ever heard of, for He showed me a simple talent I did not know I possessed.

My husband and I and our four children lived in a large city on the West Coast. Paul, our youngest child, was five at the time God heard and answered my prayer. In fact, it was Paul whom God chose as His channel to show me the special gift He had given me.

Times were hard. When I thought of rearing and educating four children, I knew that it would be almost impossible for my husband to carry alone the heavy load of feeding, clothing, housing, and educating all of them. It was then that I prayed for some way to be opened to me so that I might assist him financially. Even as I prayed, I thought, "If only I had a talent—a talent I could use at home to make some money!" I could not leave the children to go out to work, for to hire someone to look after them would more than offset what I could earn; and, too, they needed me at home.

I remember well the day God answered my prayer. The three older children were away from home, and Paul was lonesome. He brought me his

paper-cutting scissors and a piece of black paper, saying, "Mummy, cut me a man."

I took the paper and scissors, never dreaming what a surprise was in store for me. I said, "I'll cut out a little boy just like you."

I placed him on a chair and turned his profile to me. I snipped the little shirt collar, the throat, the rounded chin, the partly opened lips, the upturned nose, the forehead, and the tumbled curls above it.

I showed the cutout to Paul, and he cried delightedly, "Why, that's me, isn't it, Mummy?"

And so it was! Anyone would have known instantly that the silhouette was Paul's. I was terribly excited. Could this possibly be a talent? I had never cut out a silhouette before! Was this the way to help the family finances? Was this God's answer to my prayer?

I ran to the window and saw a group of neighborhood children playing in the street. I called them in and snipped a silhouette of each one of them and each was an exceptionally good likeness of the subject. The children were delighted with their pictures and hurried to show them to their families.

These youngsters were my first advertising agents —and good ones they were, too! For as word of my "talent" spread, it seemed that everyone in the neighborhood wanted me to do his silhouette. Believing that this gift was the answer to my prayer for extra finances and heeding the quotation "The laborer is worthy of his hire," I made a charge of seventy-five cents for two views of each profile.

Soon dollars began to roll in. I bought clothes for the children and things for the house. One day

my husband said, "Why not make a project of it?"

I thought it a very good idea. We had always wanted a sun porch on the back of our house and I decided that this would be my project.

Six weeks had passed since I first cut out Paul's silhouette. I had done only the silhouettes of those who had come to my house, but the prospects in our neighborhood were soon exhausted. As I thought of my project, a voice said, "Go where there are crowds and do silhouettes in public."

At first, I was terrified at the thought of it; then I reasoned: "God gave you this gift to use; go and do as He has directed you.

I watched the papers for notice of a public gathering. In October I learned that a bazaar was to be held in a large downtown church. I called the chairman and asked whether I could do silhouettes for the three days and evenings on a profit-sharing basis. She readily agreed.

So, trembling a bit at first, I sat at a small table in a booth I had decorated with my own cutouts. However, as the crowds stopped by my booth, became interested in my work, and sat for their silhouettes, I gained confidence in myself. I was kept busy all evening, and my booth proved to be one of the most popular attractions of the bazaar.

When the bazaar closed two evenings later, I was surprised to learn how much my booth had earned. I had earned more in three days with my small talent than I had ever thought possible! I gave one tenth of my share to the chairman as a tithe; the balance I deposited in the bank to apply on our sun porch.

I continued to do silhouettes at small public gatherings and also took orders for place cards and made cutouts for the kindergarten and grade-school rooms in the city schools. In one short year, with a pair of small scissors and some white and black paper, I earned enough money to pay for all the material for the sun porch and for part of the labor. My husband started the porch in October—a year after my first bank deposit. It was finished by Christmas—a gift to the family "from Mother and Dad."

That was fourteen years ago. Paul will be graduated this year from a West Coast college. The three older children were graduated from college, too. While their father fed, clothed, and housed them, I earned the money to educate them. My talent has been a joy to me through the years, for it has brought me many friends that otherwise I would never have met. I have traveled to many large cities all over the United States and have done silhouettes in the largest department stores. I have been very successful—in fact, I still am—for my talent is one that catches the interest of young and old. I have never raised my original price—anyone can afford the small fee—and I feel that I am obeying the command, "freely ye received, freely give."

If you believe you have no talent, remember that each one of us has at least one talent. God put us here for a purpose and gave us the tools to accomplish His purpose. Instead of believing you have no talent, affirm that you do have one and pray that it will be shown to you. "God is no respecter of persons," so He will reveal your talent to you, just as He revealed my talent to me.

Radiant with Life and Vitality

VAN SCOTEN

THE SEQUEL

And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

DO YOU DESIRE more life? Perhaps all of us want more life and vitality in our body. Then let us consider how we can attain and express greater life.

What is life? God is life, and life is a vital, dynamic power; a living, moving, motivating force that animates, energizes, vitalizes, and strengthens man.

Life is eternal, without beginning and without end; ceaseless and enduring throughout eternity. God is life, and life is from God. Life pours out to us from the Godhead in a never-failing stream.

God is life, and as we enter into conscious oneness with the Father, we find His perfect life.

Affirm: *I am conscious of a powerful current of pure God-life flowing freely through me.* We must come into a perfect awareness and realization of God as life within us. Become so aware of life that you actually feel its presence as a living, existing power. Close your eyes and think of this life force flowing freely through you. Can you feel this life as it courses through your body? Yes, we can feel it, not through our physical senses, but in our mind. It is the very essence of life, spiritual life, revealed to us through

God-consciousness. We can take hold of life with our mind and go to any part of our body that needs healing. As we realize and speak words of God-life to our body, it responds.

Affirm: *I see myself as God sees me—perfect, radiant life.* Let each one of us ask himself, How am I looking at myself? Am I looking at myself as sick and diseased, old and lifeless; or am I looking at myself as well and strong, young and full of life? How do you suppose God sees each and every one of us, His children? He sees us as perfect. It does not matter how seemingly sick we are; we can see ourself, our real self, as perfect, radiant life.

Affirm: *"I have faith in the instantaneous action of God's healing life in the midst of me."* Jesus prayed the prayer of faith, and those He prayed for were instantaneously healed. Do you have faith in the "instant" action of God's healing life within you? Or are you putting limitation—doubts and fears—in the way of His healing power? Does there arise in your mind a dozen or more reasons why God cannot heal you? Remember, there is no sickness or so-called incurable disease that God cannot heal. "With God all things are possible."

"Thy faith hath made thee whole." Our faith must be centered and focused and firmly established in the indwelling presence of God-life. Life will respond to the faith we have in it. How much faith have you in the life of God, which is within you? Are you putting your faith in God-life, or are you putting your faith in that aching, jabbing, throbbing pain in your body? "According to your faith be it done unto you." Perfect faith sees only God-life

and holds fast to it regardless of negative appearances. Perfect faith claims this life as already ours.

Affirm: *I am young with eternal life.* God-life cannot grow old. Life knows no age, no time, no limitation, for it is eternal. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Learn to live in the eternal now. We can do this through growing in new ways of Truth and by developing a new consciousness of life and youthfulness. We are youthful, full of life-giving vitality, energy, and vigor—the same yesterday, today, and forever, throughout eternity.

Why is it if God-life is within us that so many people are lifeless, listless beings, lacking in vitality and energy? It is because they do not let the radiant life of God express itself through them. I knew a woman in her early forties who was aged, wrinkled, stooped, and listless. She seemed more dead than alive. Coming into Truth, she caught the idea of life and youth and she started affirming life into every cell of her body. Within a few weeks, she was radiant with life and vitality. Her skin became firm and youthful, her eyes bright and shining, her step quick and active. No longer did she appear old.

The next time you feel weak, tired, lifeless, depressed and "down in the dumps," affirm: *I am radiant with life and vitality.* Affirm it often.

When we let go of the life idea, we die. The person who holds onto life cannot die. A man of seventy was very sick and had resigned himself to death when a Truth teacher was called in. She talked about God-life to him until he again grasped hold of the vital life force, and a desire to live was awakened

in him. He regained his health and lived an active life for many years.

Charles Fillmore says in *The Twelve Powers of Man:* "If you want to know all the mysteries of life, study life and put out of your mind every thought about death or the condition of the dead. Then through the law of thought formation you will build up in yourself such a strong consciousness of life that its negative (or absence) will ever be to you nonexistent. Jesus meant this when He said, 'If a man keep my word, he shall never see death.' "

Affirm: *God breathes life through me. I am strong and free.* Affirm life with every breath you take. Let God-life breathe freely through every cell of your body, cleansing, purifying, revitalizing, energizing, and renewing it.

Affirm: *I am surrounded by life: it is all around me.* Life is everywhere and in everything, because God is everywhere and in everything—He is omnipresent. We live in an aura of life. Life is a protecting power. We are divinely encircled and infolded in God-life. How well God created us, giving us His life and then sustaining and protecting us with His life.

Affirm: *I thank God for His eternal life in me.*

How thankful we should be to the Father for His beautiful, wonderful life, which He has given to us. Giving thanks is a grateful acknowledgment and recognition that our prayer has been answered or is going to be answered. We show our very active faith when we give thanks that the desired gift is ours even before it makes its outer appearance visible to us. All that we can possibly desire is already ours

in the invisible realm of All-Good.

Affirm: *"My soul doth magnify the Lord" in the beauty of life.* Praise is an expression of worship to God. It lifts us up into that higher plane of spiritual consciousness where we recognize our good. Praise releases spiritual power. It shows our faith in God. Praise magnifies and increases that which is praised.

Praise the good in your life and watch it grow into greater good. God is life. Praise and magnify His life in your body until every cell rejoices. Every cell of your body is filled with divine intelligence and will respond to your words for more life, just as you respond when you are praised for the good work you do.

Affirm: *I rejoice in life, for I am life.* Let us rejoice in God's radiant life. Let our heart sing a continuous song of rejoicing until every cell of our body thrills with radiant life. Life makes us happy, joyous, and free. Make life a joyful song. Go about your workaday world with words of life.

Affirm: *The life of God wells up within me, and I express this life.* Life must become so real to us that we vibrate and pulsate with its reality. We must let it so fill every cell of our body that we actually feel it flowing through us. We must become so full of life that we are "bubbling over" with it.

"In him [God-life] we live, and move, and have our being." Take a deep breath, wiggle your little finger, walk across the room, eat your dinner, write a letter, recite a poem, say a prayer—in all these acts, you are using and expressing life.

Life is active, full of activity, and it must express itself. We can be alive with life; yet, at the

same time, remain peaceful and poised. Life must never be wasted in destructive activity or in ways of sense consciousness. The person who wastes life in sense ways comes to want as did the prodigal son. He squanders life and then wonders why he is sick and in need. God intended His life force to be used to create and be expressed in constructive ways.

Affirm: *I am expressing God-life in all I think and say and do.* We must let God have perfect expression in us in order that He may bring forth His good. God cannot express Himself through us as perfect life and health if we shut Him out with negation any more than the sun can shine through a hard, solid piece of iron.

We must practice life, live life, in all that we do and say. Daily, hourly our life must be one in expression with His life. Are we dedicating and consecrating our life to Him? As we let life express itself through every part of our being, we become alive with God; we become a living expression of God-life.

We are a channel for the free expression of God-life. Let us open our heart and mind and give freely of this wonderful life-giving force to all who need healing. "Freely ye received, freely give." The more we give of His life to others, the more we have to give.

Affirm: *I open my heart and mind and give forth of God-life to you,* (name the person or persons you want to see filled with greater life and health).

Arise and walk in the Spirit of life.
Arise and "walk in newness of life."

THE END

The Kingdom of God

FRED A. BARROW

WHEN ASKED by certain Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus gave this reply: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you."

One can almost visualize the expression of amazement on the faces of the materialistic Pharisees. Their ideas of the kingdom of God included streets of gold, marble temples and palaces, and the citizens of heaven clad in purple and fine linen. The Pharisees pictured the city of God resting somewhere high in the sky, perhaps beyond the farthermost star; and they must have marveled in disbelief, "But how can such a place exist within a man?"

Even today there are Christians who have the same erroneous, pharisaical idea of heaven, believing it to be a material city high in the uppermost blue, a place a long journey distant, a journey that we shall travel after our earthly span of life is ended. However, heaven as a material city, a remote place in the sky, is but a phantasm, a mirage; whereas, the kingdom of God as a spiritual state within ourself is absolute reality.

Yes, the kingdom of God is within us. When we are obedient to the laws of the King and follow the behests of His Son, peace and tranquillity and happiness are ours. We have freedom from dread and

worry, freedom from strife and bitterness. We have ever-mounting happiness, joy, and gladness. In the kingdom of God is all-pervasive love, for God Himself is love, and His realm is filled with the same ennobling, constructive, and joy-producing quality. In the kingdom of God we find wisdom and goodness. A loyal Christian cannot be other than wise and good, for only through disloyalty does one embrace foolishness and practice things that are contrary to goodness. Health of mind, of body, and of affairs are concomitants of the kingdom of God. James Shirley, an old English dramatist, wrote, "Heaven's the perfection of all that can be said or thought—riches, delight, harmony, health, beauty; and all these not subject to the waste of time, but in their height eternal."

To live in a constant association with God the Father and with the Christ, His Son, is heaven. This association we bring to pass through faith, love, meditation, and prayer.

We do not have to travel to heaven; we are in heaven when we are in accord with God and with the Christ. As Theodore Parker, the great theologian, said: "The joys of heaven will begin as soon as we attain the character of heaven and do its duties. Try that, and prove its truth. As much goodness and piety, so much heaven."

We always must remember that God's kingdom is spiritual rather than material. It is true that God governs the entire universe, which He created, and all its manifold components—its matter, its life, and its laws. But we must keep in mind this important fact in regard to ourselves as individuals: "In him

we live, and move, and have our being." We are very close to God, and He is very close to us. We well may say, "God is in me, and I am in God; Christ is in me, and I am in Christ"; or "The kingdom of God is within me," the averment of which is substantiated by the words of the Master.

We are complex beings of body, mind, and spirit. If we lack any one of these components, we are incomplete. As the great poet, Alexander Pope, said so well in his "Essay on Man":

All are but parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body nature is, and God the soul;
That, changed through all, and yet in all the same;
Great in the earth, as in the ethereal frame;
Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze,
Glows in the stars, and blossoms in the trees,
Lives through all life, extends through all extent;
Spreads undivided, operates unspent;
Breathes in our soul, informs our mortal part,
As full, as perfect, in a hair as heart;
As full, as perfect, in vile man that mourns,
As the rapt seraph that adores and burns:
To him no high, no low, no great, no small;
He fills, he bounds, connects, and equals all.

I believe that the Spirit of God in Pope directed him to write these revealing lines. Read them again and see whether you get inspiration from them.

If the Pharisees had meditated more often and more prayerfully on things pertaining to the kingdom of God and His righteousness, they would not have been astounded by Jesus' declaration, "The kingdom of God is within you." And we, too, would be greatly benefited, would become wiser and more God-conscious if we meditated more often on things spiritual.

With an acute consciousness of the realm of God both within and about us, we must strive to manifest in our daily life the glory, beauty, love, and wisdom of the Almighty. Our action and attitude will induce others to do likewise, for Spirit dwells in all creation.

We must meditate constantly on God and His Son. We must strive to act as couriers of the kingdom, so that we may help to expedite the spread of that peace and good will which, at the present time, appear to be diminishing in the world. We must remain confident that in Spirit's own good time the peoples of the world will return to that state of spiritual and mental sanity which is to be found only in the kingdom of God within.

CONTENTMENT

Hazel Thomas Wright

Because I walk the way of Truth, I find
Contentment lies in having peace of mind;
In knowing that wherever I may be,
God's perfect love infolds and blesses me.
The light of God surrounds me, lights my way;
The power of God protects me night and day.
God is my strength in times of stress and strain;
He gives me courage, and through Him I gain
The sweet assurance that my every need
Is met, and I have peace of mind indeed!

The Kingdom

I. M. WILLIAMS

JESUS SAID, "The kingdom of God is within you." What does this mean? Have you found the kingdom you are seeking? Do you have the peace that passes all understanding? He also made the glorious promise, "Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." But how shall we find His kingdom? Where shall we seek it?

To acquire the beautiful kingdom and to call it his own should be the aim of every Christian. Today many followers of Jesus are proving that the kingdom can be found here and now—even in this turbulent generation.

Your own individual kingdom comes when your very being reaches the place of calm and wondrous beauty; when you know that God's holiness and beauty is all there is in the real and undying scheme of the universe; when your innermost consciousness is like the quiet calm of a jeweled lake on a sunny day. You feel within you the peace, the beauty, the holiness of a prayer garden—and this lovely tranquillity spreads through your being, and you know that God is filling every minute space within you with His wondrous holiness, His glorious power and might. In this secret prayer garden is God's beautiful morning sunshine, the light of Divine Mind. Here He does His perfect work, establishing perfection in every department of your life—perfect movement

and activity of all cells and organs, perfect coordination everywhere. But you must cultivate this spiritual prayer garden. You must cultivate peace, righteousness, and the divine presence by being aware that this beautiful kingdom is everywhere present. Cultivate it without ceasing, and sunshine and joy will soon replace the shadows of worry and trouble.

The divine power of Omniscience is operating every single moment, changeless and eternal, keeping the entire universe revolving in perfect order—the earth, the stars, the sun, all the wonders of nature. The wondrous scientific principle that is Divine Mind is even now keeping our body and our life in perfect order. If our being belongs to God, so also do all our faculties—and certainly anything belonging to God cannot be lost or impaired. Paul said, "In him we live, and move, and have our being," so is it not reasonable to assume that He has charge of all things?

"It is the spirit that giveth life, the flesh profiteth nothing." God's kingdom is purely spiritual, the body of flesh is spiritual in essence. The life that is in us is Spirit.

Our own individual kingdom joins or blends us with the kingdom of everyone else. "*There is* one body." You can prove this very easily. Secretly bless someone who is acting inharmoniously, and he will respond by becoming congenial. I have proved it many times. Once when I was waiting at a bus depot, I saw two small boys come in. They were exchanging angry looks and shaking their fists at each other. Soon they were shadowboxing and taking pretended pokes at each other. At first, I was amused,

but then I saw that they were in earnest and would soon start a real fight. So I began blessing them secretly. I said: "These boys are God's children. Their real being is in perfect harmony. God bless you. God bless you." I went on repeating "God bless you" to myself, even though I was no longer watching them. Then someone beside me laughed and said, "Oh, they're making up now." Sure enough, they were shaking hands and soon they walked off quite chummy! Once again I was thrilled with the power and might of God's kingdom.

By abiding in His kingdom, you are centered and poised in peace, joy, and harmony that indeed passes all understanding. The storms and turmoil of daily living do not bend you hither and yon like the wind-lashed willow, but rather you are like the sturdy oak—standing fast in every storm. You keep serene and happy just by knowing that all is well in God's kingdom because He is reigning there and that He decrees only good. You are even able to give the soft answer that turns away wrath.

You may ask: "How can I reach this lovely kingdom? How can I experience the peace of a prayer garden in my daily life?"

There is only one road to this kingdom, and that is the road of faith. Faith is something you do not strive for; you pray and watch for it. When it comes it will fill you with a calmness you have never known. Accept it, grasp it spiritually, and hang on. As Paul said, "Hold fast that which is good."

But you may say, "That takes a lot of faith." Remember what Jesus said about the mustard seed? "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say

unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove." Only know it, believe it; and it will be so.

O loving Father, keep me ever aware of Thy beautiful kingdom within me and within all Thy creation. Help me to cultivate peace, righteousness, and grace. Now I am relaxed and joyful at all times. Do Thy perfect work in and through me.

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There is a temple deep within my heart,
A place of peace and beauty set apart
For soul's renewal. Freed from every care,
I find unfailing sanctuary there.
For in the quiet of that sacred place
I hold communion with the One whose grace
Is mighty to restore and strengthen me.
Clothed in His calm and sweet serenity,
I can go forth to meet the world once more
With poise and purpose. For to me the door
Of that white temple ever stands ajar:
A place where love and faith and wisdom are.

—NINA STILES

Meet My God in Silent Prayer

from the writings of

CHARLES FILLMORE

Illumination: The quickening power of the Holy Spirit is active in me, and the radiant light of Christ makes plain my way.

Prosperity: The superabundant riches of the Christ mind are mine, and I am prospered in all ways.

Healing: "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Touching the hem of His garment of Truth, I am healed.

INSTRUCTIONS—Call to your attention every day that your real home is in God-Mind, that in God you live and move and have your being, that He is your illumination, your prosperity, and your health.

Then prove to your own satisfaction that God-Mind is composed of these perfect ideas and that they are yours to use. Go into the silence and take up each one separately before the throne and concentrate upon it. As your realization pierces the idea, the Truth contained therein is released and pours itself into your consciousness as Holy Spirit radiance, and you assimilate the heavenly power that illumines, prospers, and heals.

Never say, "I don't know"; "I have never been to college"; "I cannot understand the deep things of Spirit." When it dawns upon man that he has within him the primal spiritual spark of God, the living Word or Logos, and that through the Word he is identified with the original Mind, he has the key to infinite soul unfoldment.

We have thought that our words act upon the intelligence only of those with whom we communicate. But our words not only transmit intelligence: they also possess power directly to change the form of matter.

We have been soothed by harmonious words and songs without clearly understanding their message. A master of words can intone the simplest sentence until his audience sits in charmed ecstasy at the beauty of his words. Edwin Booth could repeat the Lord's Prayer so impressively that his listeners were moved to tears.

The living Word is the I AM identity; the Holy Spirit is the outpouring of the living Word. This activity produces the "light of Spirit, the Truth of God," the personality of Being. When the Holy Spirit comes unto you, you are born anew; rejuvenation takes place; you have great joy, great wisdom, great love, and eternal life. You are transformed. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption."

Declare and realize this thought:

The quickening power of the Holy Spirit is active in me, and the radiant light of Christ makes plain my way.

Ruth, the Moabitish woman, became so attached to Naomi (spiritual thought) that she would not leave her but accompanied her back to Palestine. She was loyal and steadfast because of her love. What was the result of her stick-to-itiveness?

Ruth was first a gleaner; then became the wife of Boaz, a very rich man, and was immortalized as one of the ancestresses of David. This lesson of abiding in our highest ideals is one that we must understand. Nothing is so important as sticking to the ideal and never giving up the work we have set out to accomplish. Affirm the law continuously and be loyal to it and you will become successful in its demonstration.

The law of supply is a divine law. This means that it is a law of mind and must work through mind. God will not go to the grocery and bring food to your table. But when you continue to think about God as your real supply, everything in your mind begins to awaken and to contact the divine substance; and as you mold it in your consciousness, ideas begin to come that will connect you with the visible manifestation. It is an exact law and it is scientific and unfailing. "First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear."

Use the God-given power of thought that abides in you and is eager to make your good appear on every side.

Affirm with us daily for one month:

The superabundant riches of the Christ mind are mine, and I am prospered in all ways.

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"And a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years . . . came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she . . . was healed of her plague."

Jesus Christ was the master scientist in the mental and spiritual realms. He was so at one with the great Omnipresence that He recognized instantly the touch of faith. He felt the healing virtue go out from Him. Jesus' garments symbolize His own healing thoughts with which His mind was clothed.

His soul radiation, or aura, was so powerful that to this day it perpetually stimulates to greater achievement and thrills with new life all who enter its sphere of influence.

A vitalizing virtue can be transferred from the healer to the patient. The woman touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed. Her faith was so great that she tapped the aura of vitality that surrounded Him.

The aura is the thought emanation that surrounds every soul. It is visible only to those who have their psychical nature quickened on the spiritual plane.

Absolute Truth as it prevails in Spirit is the whole Truth, transcending all relative or partial truths.

Faithfully pray with us daily:

"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."
Touching the hem of His garment of Truth, I am healed.

The Immediate Purpose of Life

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"WHY ARE WE HERE?" is a universal question, asked by all men. Every one has wondered about the purpose of life. Even though we do not fathom Divine Mind to learn the ultimate destiny of man, we can seek an answer to the question, an answer that will be applicable to our individual life.

Many persons have in their minds a more or less definite answer to the question. Each person should seek the answer because it determines the course of his life. The most desirable answer is one that when applied in daily living will yield the maximum degree of happiness. True happiness, the unalloyed joy that accompanies peace of soul, mind, and body, is the most that we can ask of life. Being children of God, we must turn to Him for the answer. We can find the answer by gaining an understanding of God's law.

When we are seeking knowledge of a material subject, we do not study alone. We go to a teacher (preferably the best) who will show us the best way to acquire the desired knowledge and will help us to avoid mistakes. In seeking an understanding of God and His law we should go to the master teacher, Jesus. The life of Jesus is the perfect pattern for us to follow. His understanding of divine law transcends any other known to man. We can safely

adopt as the governing principle of our life His statement of God's law, which is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

"God is love." Love is the most potent factor in life. All the good done in the world and all the progress of man are accomplished through the power of love. All the destruction wrought by jealousy, anger, or hate is repaired by love. Love of country, family, or God has inspired men to their best efforts. As great and as good as human love may be, there is a higher and more beautiful love. It is divine love, the force through which God sustains and protects us, His children. The spirit of divine love is giving. "For God so loved the world, that he gave." God is continuously and eternally giving of His bounty. Everything that we have or will ever have is a gift from the loving heart of God.

Jesus the man became Christ the Son of God, through living the law. He attained perfect at-one-ment with God through His unselfish, unfaltering, and unending service to His fellow man. He never thought, what can I get? His constant thought was, what can I give?

We cannot save the world by dying for it, but we can improve it by living for others. We all cannot be ministers of the gospel but we all can live the law. Few of us have an opportunity to save a life, save a home from marital disaster, help some-one in a large financial way, or do some other big thing. Jesus seldom gave material things but He constantly gave of Himself. His choicest gifts were

those that money cannot buy. We should not wait for an opportunity to do a big thing. We should every day be faithful in the little things, the things often neglected but of vast importance to a few, the little deeds of kindness that always brighten the day. We have a continuous opportunity to give of ourselves. Each day we can lighten another's burden.

You may give only a cheery word and a sunny smile, but they mean much. Perhaps you have a friend who is starting a new venture. Your hand on his shoulder and your word of encouragement may be the things that spur him on to victory. He can borrow capital, but he can neither borrow nor buy your friendly support. You can give happiness and peace to all whom you meet, by achieving gladness for yourself. You can so live each day that the world will be a better and brighter place because of your presence.

Jesus, beyond His constant giving, had a higher mission. The great purpose of His life was to teach the people that they could by the help of their own indwelling Spirit attain the full joy of life. He tried to show His followers how they could, by conforming to God's law, bring into their lives all the good that they might desire. He said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full." He then gave His rule for attaining this joy; "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you." His statement of His rule is immediately followed by a specific application. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

His promise of joy in its fullness is fulfilled by the use of His rule of love. "Love never faileth." "Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law." We have seen that the spirit of true love is unselfish giving. To lay down one's life for a friend does not mean that one must die for him. To lay down means to give up. When we fulfill the law of love we give up all thought of personal benefit, profit, and gain and think only of the good that we can give through serving our fellow men.

The Christ did not teach by word alone; He taught also by example through living the law. His life is still with us as the perfect example of loving service; the perfect manifestation of God on earth. We can best emulate Him by living the Truth that we know. The world attaches more significance to what we do with Truth than it does to what we say about Truth. We should strive to make our life a pattern that others may safely follow. "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

The divine purpose that underlies the creation and the continuous existence of the universe is hidden deep in the omniscient mind of God. That purpose will be revealed to man as he unfolds throughout the aeons. There is an immediate purpose of life that each individual must work out for himself: to know God and faithfully to apply his knowledge of Him in all that he does.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another.—JESUS

Sunday LESSONS

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Lesson 9, March 2, 1952

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Effect of Goodness.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Barnabas, a Good Man.*
—Acts 4:36, 37; 9:26, 27; 11:19-26; 13:1-3.

36. And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of exhortation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race,

37. Having a field, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

26. And when he was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

27. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

19. They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phœnicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only the Jews.

20. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord.

22. And the report concerning them came to the ears

of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas as far as Antioch:

23. Who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord:

24. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25. And he went forth to Tarsus to seek for Saul;

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

1. Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there,* prophets and teachers, Barnabas, and Symeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2. And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

GOLDEN TEXT—*He was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.*—Acts 11:24.

SILENT PRAYER—*I seek to express goodness in original and constructive action.*

Joseph Barnabas, the subject of today's lesson, represents the imagination expressed in active zeal for Truth. The surname Barnabas, bestowed on Joseph by the apostles, means "son of exhortation," indicating his gift for teaching and preaching as well, perhaps, as the fact that he had been converted by them by the same method. He "was a good man" and a good preacher.

In the last chapter of Proverbs a good woman is

described and her virtues listed. In the text for today we have a good man. Both descriptions deal with persons of action. Negative goodness, a contradiction in terms, does not enter into either account. Goodness that finds its perfection in God is active expression, creative power.

Barnabas was "full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." To be full of the Holy Spirit implies that the will and life are completely possessed by the Spirit of God. Faith also is a positive, constructive attribute of the soul. It is good for its possessor, good for those he influences, and good for the world in which he lives and of which he is a part.

In the text the first reference to Barnabas reveals his spirit of co-operation. He owned a field and he sold it and gave the proceeds to the apostles to be used for the common expenses of the disciples. In the early days of the Christian faith the disciples held all things in common, an arrangement of which Ananias and his wife Sapphira took advantage by polluting the pure stream of brotherly love, helpfulness, and truthfulness with deceit and falsehood. Of his own free will Barnabas turned over the entire sale price of his field to the apostles. If all were as honest as he in their dealings, communal living would be the ideal plan. If each nation would agree to devote a definite sum or proportion of its wealth to the promotion of general welfare and moral and ethical progress and if a comparison were made at stated periods, it would be easy enough to select the leading nation in the realm of lasting values. The plans and methods of the leading nation could then be shared with other nations and adopted by them

at will. In this fashion the respective virtues or weaknesses of capitalism, democracy, communism, dictatorships, and the like, could soon be proved. Given an equal and fair test, each method would reveal its own strength or weakness. If left free to choose the proved best, each nation would normally do so; and an equalizing of freedom, of opportunity, and of unhindered expansion would naturally follow, without resort to either aggressive or defensive war. World problems would be solved by constructive means only.

In the second reference to Barnabas in today's text he vouches for the sincerity of the converted Saul, who was naturally viewed by his fellow Christians in Jerusalem with distrust and suspicion. They were all afraid of him until Barnabas sponsored him; then he was received without further question. The word of a good man carries conviction to his hearers.

The judgment of Barnabas was good also. The church in Jerusalem, wishing to learn more of the Greek Christians in Antioch, sent Barnabas to investigate reports reaching Jerusalem from that city. Barnabas was so gladdened by what he found that he entered into the work and exhorted the disciples to cleave to the Lord "with purpose of heart."

Barnabas was as good an organizer as he was a preacher. He hunted up Saul and brought him to Antioch; in so doing he chose an assistant who became even greater than himself as a preacher of Truth.

Barnabas and Saul were so outstanding in their work in Antioch that they were chosen as missionaries at large to the Gentiles. For such an un-

dertaking men of firm faith, unquestioned loyalty, courage, and resourcefulness were needed. These traits, together with superior zeal, set these two apart for the work.

QUESTIONS

1. What type of person is usually characterized by goodness?
2. What do the words "full of the Holy Spirit" imply?
3. Is goodness made evident in a spirit of co-operation?
4. How is a good man's word distinguished from that of others?
5. Could goodness on an international scale be made to equalize the progress of the various nations and to resolve their differences?
6. Is judgment included among the well-developed faculties of the good man?
7. What sets a good man apart from others as especially fitted to do important work?

Lesson 10, March 9, 1952

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Final Accounting.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Paul, a Prisoner for Christ.*—Phil. 3:4b-17.

4b. If any other man thinketh to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more:

5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6. As touching zeal, persecuting the church; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless.

7. Howbeit what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ.

8. Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the

excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ,

9. And be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, *even* that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith:

10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death;

11. If by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead.

12. Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing *I do,* forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14. I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you:

16. Only, whereunto we have attained, by that same *rule* let us walk.

17. Brethren, be ye imitators together of me, and mark them that so walk even as ye have us for an ensample.

GOLDEN TEXT—*One thing* I do, *forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*—Phil. 3:13, 14.

SILENT PRAYER—*I will fight the good fight, I will finish the course, I will keep the faith.*

After Jesus Christ, the apostle Paul is the most outstanding character in the New Testament. In

young manhood he gained considerable prominence as a zealous Jew and a persecutor of Christians. As a convert to Christianity he became so loyal to his new-found faith that he could admonish other disciples to follow his example. Largely through his teaching and influence Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire in the first century. A study of his attitude toward the Christ is, therefore, not only interesting but helpful to us in our efforts to follow His way.

Paul learned to discount confidence in the flesh or in the literal keeping of the law and to count his loss of interest in literalism and other observances of religious ritual as pure gain. He was thus enabled to give his undivided time, attention, and effort to furthering the teachings of the kingdom of God. To gain a consciousness of the Christ kingdom, Paul gladly gave up everything else. He learned that material possessions are transient, that they come and go according to the impermanent nature of the thought back of them.

When a man sets his love on things of the world and uses all his energies in the gaining of material possessions and high position he fails to attain the best in life. The real attainment, which is permanent, is the bringing forth of the Christ into perfect expression in our consciousness, even as Jesus, our Way-Shower, brought forth the Christ. Paul doubtless recalled the words of Jesus, as told him by Peter or James, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor

rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also."

To gain "the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord" means to gain understanding of the Christ principle and to use it constructively in order to attain the ideal. To attain this objective, one with spiritual understanding is willing, like Paul, to let go of the ambitions, attainments, and possessions of the outer, personal self.

No one is truly righteous until he enters into the Christ righteousness. Man-made righteousness is personal righteousness and comes from the limited, spiritually unenlightened standards of the race. The Christ righteousness is from God. It is grounded in abiding principle; it is right incarnated in faith and love.

We cannot "know him, and the power of his resurrection" until we come into understanding of the principles of Truth, the Christ standard of right, and wholeheartedly seek to live according to these principles. By dying to the errors and limitations of the mortal within us and being raised into newness of life each day, we shall "attain unto the resurrection from the dead." By means of denials we release from our consciousness and die to that which is earthly and mortal and limited. We are raised into newness of life by our affirmations and realizations of Christ in us as our vitalizing energy and our innate perfection, ever increasing in our consciousness. Like Paul, we are pressing on toward perfect attainment of Godlikeness, the "goal" that is "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"—the com-

pletion of the work that each person has to do in carrying out God's wondrous plan. "Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect," said Jesus, interpreting the teaching of the Mosaic law, "Thou shalt be perfect with Jehovah thy God."

QUESTIONS

1. Why is the study of Paul's life especially helpful to us?
2. What is the real attainment in life?
3. What is true righteousness?
4. How can we "know him, and the power of his resurrection"?
5. What goal is "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"?
6. What power enables us to take account of the good only?

Lesson 11, March 16, 1952

UNITY SUBJECT—*Some True Ideas.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Timothy, a Dependable Follower.*—Acts 16:1-3; Phil. 2:19-24; II Tim. 2:1-5.

1. And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess that believed; but his father was a Greek.

2. The same was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

19. But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

20. For I have no man likeminded, who will care truly for your state.

21. For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ.

22. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a child *serveth* a father, *so* he served with me in furtherance of the gospel.

23. Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me:

24. But I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall come shortly.

1. Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2. And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3. Suffer hardship with *me,* as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4. No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier.

5. And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity.* —I Tim. 4:12.

SILENT PRAYER—*In thought, word, and act I faithfully practice the truths revealed to me by the Holy Spirit.*

The name Timothy means "worshiping God." Timothy was "the son of a Jewess that believed; but his father was a Greek." A Greek symbolizes intellectual reasoning. The Jews often called any Gentile by the term Greek; the Gentiles symbolize the sense consciousness in man. "A Jewess that believed" here has reference to our faith in God and to our love for Him.

Timothy, therefore, represents an idea in us that has its inception in a union between our intellectual reasoning and our inner spiritual qualities of faith and love.

The circumcision, mentioned in the third verse of our lesson, indicates a thorough cleansing from sinful, fleshly thoughts. In Col. 2:11, we read of the true "circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh." This means the cleansing of our mind of the belief that the body is sinful flesh and that the life which is in us is unclean. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit we are buried with Christ in the death of all our old error ideas and rise with Him into newness of life. Then we know that our entire being, including both soul and body, is not carnal but spiritual. This is the real circumcision, the actual putting away of carnality.

In the second group of texts in our lesson for today we find that Timothy (inspired reason united with faith) is being sent to Philippi. Philippi was the chief city in Macedonia. Macedonia represents the business mind, Philippi means getting gain, which is the chief motive of business. How natural, then, that in this place (state of consciousness) there is "no man like minded, who will care truly for your state. For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ." And so Timothy was sent to the assembly of believers at Philippi. The thoughts wherein love of gain is uppermost need Timothy to instruct them concerning spiritual substance and life—the true riches—and their use.

The "gift of God" that Timothy received, and

that Paul urged him to "stir up," was clear understanding of the truth about life. Life must be kept active in our consciousness; it needs to be rekindled daily in our thoughts through fresh baptisms and inspirations of the Holy Spirit, which is ever-present as our teacher and guide. The "life" idea, the keynote of Paul's teaching and of Timothy's ministry, is carried all through II Timothy.

A good soldier obeys his superior officer's every command and is amenable always to discipline. The soldier gives up his personal ambitions and affairs and acquiesces in the higher claim of the government. The government commands his time, his strength, and his person. He becomes a servant of his country.

The soldier of Jesus Christ gives his allegiance to Truth. The Christ Spirit claims and receives his life. If hardship is involved, he meets it without complaint or refusal to obey the orders of his Superior. He discharges all the duties that are intrusted to him. A totality of service like that of the enlisted man is his duty. Truth cannot be served part time only; it requires full-time service. "No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of *this* life."

A person's attitude towards hardship determines what it does to him. Complaints, self-pity, resentment, rash conduct, reckless defiance unfit anyone for meeting hardship. To meet it in the Spirit of the Christ reinforces the inner strength that makes victory possible. This is keeping the rules of the game of life. He who fails to keep the rules disqualifies himself for winning, but he who keeps them cannot fail; for the prize that he wins is the inner com-

mand of his own life and powers in the name of the Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the name Timothy mean, and what does Timothy represent in us?
2. What is the real circumcision?
3. What was the "gift of God" that Timothy received?
4. How is this gift stirred up in anyone?
5. In what respect is the follower of Truth a soldier?
6. What determines the effect on us of hardships?
7. What is the prize that we may win by keeping the rules of life?

Lesson 12, March 23, 1952

UNITY SUBJECT—*Faith in God Is Vital.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*An Open Heart and Home.*—Acts 16:6-15, 40.

6. And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;

7. And when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not;

8. And passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10. And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

11. Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis;

12. And from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the district, a *Roman* colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days.

13. And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

40. And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

GOLDEN TEXT—*A woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised.*—Prov. 31:30.

SILENT PRAYER—*I believe in God; therefore, I live the life of the Spirit and see myself as part of the universal.*

Faith is an instinctive attribute of mind. Compounded of belief and trust in God and a keen awareness that spiritual power is always available to man, it enables its finite possessor to conceive of the Infinite. Paul's faith in God led him to by-pass certain cities on his missionary journeys, and to tarry in certain others. He did not hesitate to follow his spiritual leading, whether it took the form of a dream or of a strong waking impression. After praying for guidance he unquestioningly followed what came. In those places where the Holy Spirit would not permit

him to stop, something negative is connected with the meaning of their names. Phrygia ("dried; barren; lifeless") signifies a dry, barren, fruitless state of thought. The central idea of this realm of the sense consciousness that Phrygia signifies is a belief in lack: lack of vitality, of substance, of strength, of power, and of increase of good.

Galatia ("white as milk"), represents pure truths, but the simplest of truths, that apply to babes in Christ. Galatia signifies the state of thought that is not yet ready for the operation of the word of Truth (Paul).

Asia ("the East; aurora") refers to a state of consciousness impregnated by old, decayed, worn-out, material ideas that should have been left behind long ago by the one who would progress spiritually.

Mysia means "beyond bounds; criminal, abominable"; and Bithynia, mentioned along with it, means "violent precipitation." Under the guidance of the Lord the redeeming power of Spirit is not set into action in these dark states of consciousness until neighboring thought centers, which are more or less awakened to Truth, have been spiritually strengthened.

Troas ("penetrated; perforated") signifies a phase of thought by which Spirit can find its way into consciousness more easily than by other ways. It was while in this city, after having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach in some other places, that Paul received his vision of the man of Macedonia crying to him to come over and help the Macedonian people.

Samothrace ("height; distinguished; promi-

nent") signifies a state of thought that is intellectual rather than spiritual, since its location is in the Grecian Archipelago, and Greece refers to the intellect.

Neapolis means "new city." To make a straight course to Neapolis means that he who concentrates all his energies on the accomplishment of his purpose will surely achieve.

Observing evidences of order in the vast sweep of the heavens and in the atomic world, which we approach with the aid of science, we believe that order is a divine state in which faith has a rightful place. It is in divine order that the child should trust the superior wisdom and love of the parent, for such trust is based on the love and care that the parent has bestowed on the child. It is also in order that we should trust divine love and wisdom as the very atmosphere of spiritual Being and should seek to breathe this atmosphere. As we do so, we see that it is the universal medium and that all others may become one with us in it. We are ready to include them all in the One.

Faith in material might causes men to undertake to establish the rule of force. Opposed to this is faith in spiritual power. These two attitudes have their roots in the childhood of the race mind. Our well-being depends on our centering all our faith in the higher, spiritual concept of life and Being.

In putting our faith in the divine only and establishing it as the basis of our life, our will plays an important part. The enlightened will is represented by Paul ("little"). When the will acts in harmony with divine law its work is gentle, and

to the superficial onlooker it seems "little." It has taken centuries to prove how great was Paul's quiet but steady and persistent planting of the gospel among the Gentiles.

The first converts of Paul and Silas were among the women who gathered for prayer by the riverside. A river represents a strong current of thought, a current of vital forces, of life in the organism. The name Lydia means "travail" and denotes one who works at developing spiritual understanding in the soul.

QUESTIONS

1. Is the strongest faith that which is instinctive or that which has been developed?
2. What help should we heed in deciding what is the guidance of Spirit?
3. The cities or places that Paul was prevented from stopping at fall into what class?
4. What gives us faith in divine order?
5. Have we a duty to express divine love and wisdom in our human relations? Can peace come to the world otherwise?
6. What does a river represent?

Lesson 13, March 30, 1952

UNITY SUBJECT—*Man's Healing Intelligence.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*How Luke Served His Lord.*—Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1, 2; 16:6-10; Col. 4:14.

1. Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us,

2. Even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word,

3. It seemed good to me also, having traced the course

of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus;

4. That thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed.

1. The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach,

2. Until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

6. And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;

7. And when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not;

8. And passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10. And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

14. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas salute you.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*—Acts 1:8.

SILENT PRAYER—*Divine wisdom enlightens me, and I recognize the voice of Truth.*

In weighing a man's work it is helpful to know something of the man himself. We know little with certainty about Luke, except that he was a physician and that he accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys and attended him while he was

in prison. The name Luke is an adaptation of the Roman Lucas, meaning "light-giving; enlightening." Luke is thought to have been a Greek or a Gentile whom Paul converted to Christianity. His writings prove that he was a careful student and a devout believer.

Metaphysically we find that the Greeks represent intellectual reasonings. These are the old reasonings that are untouched by the inspiration of the Christ. When once they are imbued with the Christ they represent the luminous or light-bearing intellect. This it was, we may believe, that gave Luke his title of "the beloved physician." Theophilus, to whom both The Gospel According to Luke and The Acts are addressed, was either a convert of Luke's or a patron whom the disciple wished to strengthen in the faith. The name Theophilus means "lover of God," and the metaphysical meaning is divine love or spiritual unity. It is clear why these two books have been preserved to us, whereas others that were referred to in their compilation have perished. Theophilus treasured them and shared their contents with other believers.

Intelligence is always good. It may be centered on material things, where it shines as a reflected light from a polished surface; or it may be based on an understanding of causes and the inner life of the universe, in which case it becomes luminous, a mental and spiritual incandescence the heat of which is zeal for Truth. It is this luminosity that Luke represents.

Faith is one of our greatest assets in the Christ life, for without it we make no headway and are

lost in a maze of adverse events and reactions. However, faith must have a sound foundation. Blind faith is not intelligent faith and is often misled and misplaced. Intelligent faith examines causes, consults authorities, and draws its conclusions. Luke examined all the writings left by eyewitnesses and ministers before him and Paul. "Having traced the course of all things accurately from the first," he felt qualified to record the story of the fulfillment of prophecy in Jesus Christ and to convince his patron and friend Theophilus that his faith was well founded. "It seemed good to me . . . to write unto thee in order . . . that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed."

The healing quality of intelligence is everywhere apparent, not only in Luke's life and writings but in modern life as well. Although the object of Luke's association with Paul in the ministry of Jesus Christ was the spreading of the gospel rather than the caring for of Paul's health, we need not ignore the evident fact that the physician's influence over his great co-worker was constructive and helpful in every way. The leader who, stoned and left for dead by hostile fanatics, could yet rise up and walk into the city as though nothing had happened had no need of any other than the Great Physician. It is true, nevertheless, that he, on whom fell the weight of constant persecution, more easily realized the healing power of the Master when he was with another who shared the Christ consciousness than when he was alone. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The

healing power of understanding companionship is greater than that of any tonic compounded of drugs. Someone has said that "we need the stimulation of people or we are gripped by a tragic sense of incompleteness." A hint of this feeling is found in Paul's words, "If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable."

Luke's cheerfulness counteracted Paul's tendency toward discouragement. Worry and anxiety are not modern poisons. They are quite ancient and they call for understanding treatment. Modern sufferers seek various remedies. Relief is more quickly and surely found in the companionship of God or the Christ consciousness. Luke and Paul together (the converted will and the spiritual illumination of man united) could do all things through their realization of the Christ power.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of the name Luke, and what does it represent?
2. Has intelligence a healing quality? Was this apparent in Luke's association with Paul?
3. Where is relief from worry and anxiety most surely found?
4. How can we prove the healing power of a spiritual thought?
5. What is the one and only source of man's health?

If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us . . . whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.

—JOHN

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His Truth Is a Shield

SOME TIME ago I wrote to you concerning my husband's loss of his wedding band. I was certain it would be returned, and thought no more about it. About a week later, we were in a department store when I noticed a money order window. I took advantage of the opportunity and purchased a money order with the contents of my prosperity bank so that I could mail it to you. My husband was curious about the large amount and asked what it was for. I said, "It's for the blessings we have received." As we walked away, he put his hand in the little change pocket in his trousers, and there was his ring!—*L. S., New Jersey.*

WHEN MY BOY Dave went into the Army, I wrote to you to help me pray for his safekeeping. Again, I'm so deeply grateful that God has wonderfully protected him. He is now on his way home. In fact, I'm expecting him momentarily and my heart is truly filled with joy.

While he was in Korea, he received UNITY magazine. He wrote saying how many times the

articles seemed so timely, as though they had been written just for him. It helped him to have courage when he most needed it. I know from experience when we are young in Truth we need good literature to remind us of the good, or God in everything. He seemed quite put out about always having to read the right thing in order to feel aware of the Presence. But I told him we grow gradually in Spirit and have many falls, just as a baby learning to walk.—*Mrs. C. A., California.*

He Shall Have Abundance

THIS PROSPERITY BANK DRILL has been a real blessing to me. When I wrote to you, we were rather worried about finances. People were slow in paying their bills, and consequently our own obligations were piling up.

The statement you sent me, "I now open my mind and heart to receive the bountiful measure of good that God has prepared for me," seemed to put my mind into the right trend of thought. I was faithful to the drill, endeavoring to tithe each day. As I asked God in the silence how best I might earn extra money myself, he led me to a direct answer by calling my attention to an article in a back number of UNITY magazine about a young artist who was hiding her talent "under a bushel." And since I am an artist of some ability, I felt I had been doing just that.

Well, the upshot of it is that a girl friend of mine has started a new business and has asked me to help her on a part-time basis. The first thing she wanted me to do was to design a letterhead and layout for

an inclosure. This is just the kind of thing I like.

Now I am asking for a new bank, and I should like very much to have special treatment on this business. We want to make it a real service to this community and to do high class work.

Also, I am working on the Correspondence School lessons, and find them so very helpful. More than anything in the world, I pray for greater spiritual understanding and the ability to put it into practice daily.—*B. G., Missouri.*

My Help Cometh from Jehovah

SOME OLD copies of your lovely magazine UNITY were given to us by some American missionaries at the time we were having very difficult times. By chance I took up one of the magazines, and I was lifted up considerably in spirit. I finished the entire magazine in a couple of hours and had a sound sleep.—*H. C. D., India.*

I Will Come and Heal

WHILE I WAS preparing a meal, four fingers of my right hand were accidentally submerged in rapidly boiling water. The pain was terrific and too great for me to form words of prayer. However, I know now that even during the worst pain I realized that God was healing me. Then my little grandson who had been so sick only a few days before said *The Prayer of Faith* with me (he is 6 years old), and instantly the pain left the hand. The fingers were still brilliant red and blistered. My little grandson said, "God has healed you, and in the morning you

will be well." In the morning I was well. The inflamation and swelling were gone, the blisters had healed and dried up leaving only dry, scarred tissue. The hand had the appearance of having been burned a couple of weeks before, instead of a few hours before. There was absolutely no pain or sensitiveness.

I thank God for all the wonderful blessings He bestows on me.—*C. L., New Jersey.*

He Is My Refuge

I HAVE HAD a blessed experience lately. Sometime ago I read of an exercise that was advocated. It consisted in relaxing and thinking peace in an ever-widening circle. I use it now. First my room, then the house, then the compound, then Afghanistan, then bordering Russia and Pakistan, Indo China, Korea, Europe, and finally the U. S. A. Peace comes to my soul, and at times I feel a tremendous power for peace flowing through me. If all of us could use it in faith, believing, we could not fail to establish peace, and speedily.

Thank you again for all your help and guidance, without which life would be difficult for me.—*C. R., Pakistan.*

Filled with Plenty

I HAVE QUITE a few things to tell you about how faith in God has helped me to find my bearings again.

Last winter I became so wrapped up in my own worldly affairs that I lost all contact with God. My husband lost his job, and we got to the point of

starvation with no brighter outlook. I was so muddled I was almost on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and my husband was too. We had borrowed money to live on, and were head over heels in debt.

I had a few extra minutes one day, so I wrote to Unity. I took an inventory of myself, and then I made an about face. I started using *The Prayer of Faith* and later with it the statement: *Divine love supplies and increases substance to meet my every need.*

Through our constant use of this prayer, my husband now has a permanent job, we have health, happiness and our debts nearly all paid. My faith in God increases daily.—*Mrs. W. C. S., California*

Father, I Thank Thee

I WANT to thank you for the prayers you have offered for me. Before studying Unity I was always upset. Since studying *Lessons in Truth* my whole outlook has changed. I am now calm; my household is peaceful and quiet; family life has been changed. Miracles have been wrought in our home, loved ones healed and prospered.—*Mrs. J. B., Ohio.*

SOME WEEKS ago I wrote you for prayers about employment for myself and my husband, or the right kind of business for us, and about continued good health.

I am happy to report that we are going to the mountains, which we both love, to assist in managing a guest lodge, and in a couple of months we shall probably have full charge of the management with the counsel of course of the owners. S

we are getting the kind of setup we wanted without putting up one penny of capital. In fact we are getting paid for the training and experience we need to learn to manage our own business.

We sincerely and gratefully give thanks to God and Silent Unity for this manifestation of His love and care for us. The whole story seems rather amazing when you measure it by worldly standards.—*H. H., California.*

BLESSINGS all seem to come in bunches when you walk with God in Truth and in wholehearted faith. You have helped me grow in faith each new day, and to appreciate the blessings of beauty that are all around me when I open my eyes and look. I thought I always saw everything that went on around me, but since I have become a Unity student I realize that only now am I beginning to see.

Thank you for teaching me to pray. "Ask and ye shall receive"—what a true statement that is. The only thing that bothers me is that it seems that I receive so much and give so little. I want to help other people find this wonderful happiness that I have found, and in thought I pray for those around me and help everyone that I can who asks for help.

Smiles are the joy of life. To see people smile and hear them laugh makes me glad all over. The sun and the trees, the blue sky and the sound of the birds, are beautiful gifts that I love and appreciate more every day. It seems that the real things of life are not always the things we see but the things we do not see. God certainly was gracious when He gave us our material being as well as our spiritual.—*R. G. W., Ohio.*

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Asheville—Velma Hoffman, Battery Park hotel

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Canton—Frank Grunder, 203 6th N W
Cincinnati—Erma E Wissman, Madison & Andrews; Millie Leslie, 18 W 9
Cleveland—Earl & Martha Anthony, Hotel Cleveland; Cleo Lee, Masonic temple, 3615 Euclid
Columbus—Dale and Donna Newsum, 50 West 5th Ave
Dayton—Ethel Crouch, Canby bldg
Hamilton—Wm Helmbold, 117 Ross
Marion—Mercedes Fossler, YMCA
Springfield—Joseph Jones, 2215 E High
Toledo—Wallace Tooke, 2749 Upton
Warren—Everett St John, Harris Theater bldg, 166 High NW
Youngstown—Everett St John, Home Sav & Loan bldg

OKLAHOMA

Bartlesville—Ruth Jacques, YWCA bldg
Muskogee—Ruth Jacques, Equity bldg
Oklahoma City—Alice & Schuyler Conley, Midwest bldg
Okmulgee—Ruth Jacques, McCullough bldg
Tulsa—Grace Kehrer, 714 S Boston

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Montreal—May Duncan, Ritz-Carlt hotel
Ottawa—May Duncan, Chateau Laurie
Regina—Unity, Wascana hotel
Toronto—Mary & George Dunning, 2 Yonge
Winnipeg—Edna Bowyer, 360 Young

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Sunderland—Thomas Merrington, Durham

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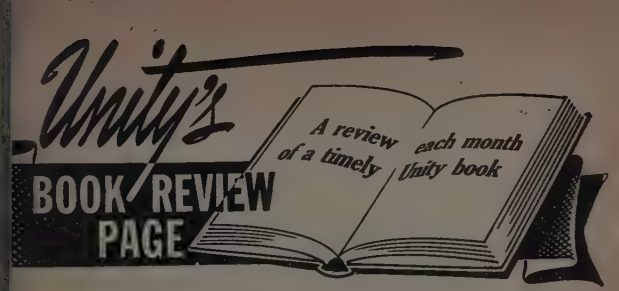

You Can Be Healed

BY CLARA PALMER

"God's will for you is wholeness," declares Clara almer in her book *You Can Be Healed.* During her any years of experience as a registered nurse she arned that the body can be renewed through prayer, nd she was able to instruct others in spiritual methods f attaining and maintaining health.

In separate chapters she deals with the various parts f the body, first discussing their physical function and hen their spiritual relation to the body temple as a hole. Each lesson includes suggestions for establishg harmony in that part under discussion and gives a rong affirmation to be used during meditation.

"Because I was healed through prayer although my ondition had been termed hopeless, because I have ersonally witnessed the healing of incurable diseases nd have read letters from hundreds who have been estored to health, I know that you can be healed." The nwavering faith of the author permeates her simple ords, showing the reader that he, too, can attain ealing through turning to God in prayer.

(*You Can Be Healed,* a valuable possession for Truth udents, is priced at $1 a copy.)

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Gift Imperishable, The	.10	Song of Life, The	
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		Where I Am King	

(Any 12 of these booklets $1. Envelopes included)

NEWS *from* UNITY

There Is Always an Answer

Although the way may seem obscure and the problem overwhelming, it is helpful to remember that we can find a light for our path and a solution to our difficulties. One of the workers at Unity headquarters often makes the statement, "There is always an answer." He uses this affirmation often, whether or not there is an immediate problem to be solved. You may not be led to use this particular statement, but it is well to have at hand an affirmation, verse, or article to turn to in solving the problems of daily life.

This letter from one of our readers tells how he and his wife solve such problems:

"My wife and I use *Weekly Unity* every time we get perplexed or down in the dumps. We always feel better after reading an article in it.

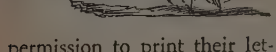
"My wife subscribed for *Weekly Unity* in 1946 and has kept all the issues she has received and refers to them often. No matter what the problem may be, she always manages to find an article that tells how to overcome the problem. Recently she dug out certain issues for me to read whenever I am disturbed. The reasoning of the articles appeals to my sense of judgment and restores my spirits. My wife and I want more of the same and wish another year's subscription."

A subscription for *Weekly Unity* for one year is priced at only $1 and may be obtained by writing to Unity at Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Health Is Catching *Again in Stock*

Our friends who were unable to obtain copies of the booklet *Health Is Catching*, Volume IV, will be glad to

know that it is again in stock. This booklet is always in great demand, because it contains accounts of experiences in healing that friends have given to us in their letters. These persons have given us



permission to print their letters in order to help others who are seeking to demonstrate health.

There is no charge for this booklet; and if you would like a copy, write to Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

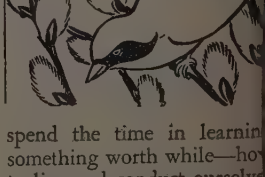
Interest Stimulated in Sunday-School Class

To arouse the enthusiasm and hold the attention of a Sunday-school class is a challenge to the teacher, and well-organized lesson material is of vital importance. Unity publishes a variety of material to help teachers, and our special Sunday-school "consultant" can suggest appropriate lessons for your own class.

One teacher describes the progress her students have made as follows:

"Thank you for the help ful material you sent for m Sunday-school class of fift graders in response to my re quest. The book *Child Un foldment* has given me valu able suggestions, and *We Wisdom* will prove helpful too.

"At first I was only luke warm about the idea; but th more I thought about it, th better I liked it. Recently started using the *Unity Pr mary Lessons,* 3d year, as basis for discussion. The firs question I asked was "Wh do you attend Sunday school?" At first, the childre gave conventional answer they thought I expected, bu finally most admitted th they attended only becaus their parents insisted. praised their honesty an brought out that since the must attend they shoul



spend the time in learnin something worth while—ho to live and conduct ourselve as Christ wants us to. W have covered the first two le sons on "Honesty" an

Obedience," and I am sure
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f these qualities.

"The class as a whole has
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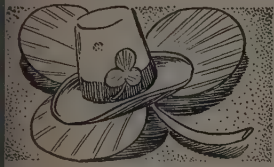

iore general discussions than
had been able to stimulate
efore. For the first time
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lass I feel that I am at least
pproaching the true purpose
f a Sunday-school teacher."

If you would like to have
omplete information about
Jnity's Sunday-school ma-
erial or if you have a prob-
em in regard to your Sunday-
chool work, write to the
unday-School Department,
Jnity School of Christianity,
Lee's Summit, Missouri.

But They Were Protected . . ."

When our dear ones must
e separated from us, it is not
lways easy to release them
nto God's loving care. We
ometimes feel that if they
nly had a memento to carry
vith them to assure them of
God's protection their task
would be easier and our
hearts would be lighter. One
friend wrote to us of her ex-
perience in meeting this situ-
ation:

"Again I am writing to you
for the card *Prayer for a
Loved One.* During World
War II I had five sons in the
service. Each had the card
with the prayer on it. One
son was aboard the old *Sara-
toga,* which bore the brunt of
the fighting in the early part
of the war. One son went
through the Battle of the
Bulge; one made the beach-
head on Guam. When they
all returned without a scratch,
the printing on the cards was
hardly readable. But they
were protected by God's love.

"Now two sons have re-
turned to the service, and a
third has been called. May I

have three cards, and please
add their names to your list
for prayers for protection."

There is no charge for
these cards, and you may ob-
tain copies by requesting them
from Unity School of Chris-
tianity, Lee's Summit, Mis-
souri.

A Friendly Visit to Unity Headquarters

An increasing number of our friends are visiting Unity headquarters and viewing the buildings and grounds. It makes us very happy to welcome them to the home of Unity, and we receive many wonderful letters from them later, telling how much they enjoyed their visit. One of our friends wrote in this way:

"A week ago, while I was in Kansas City, Missouri, on business, I had the pleasure of making a side trip to Lee's Summit to visit Unity School. I had a very interesting tour of the Unity buildings, which increased my already sincere interest in Unity. Particularly noticeable were the friendliness and happiness shown by the employees.

"I am inclosing $10, which I would like to have placed in the building fund or used for any other project in appreciation for the wonderful afternoon spent at Unity. I look forward to visiting the School again."

Truly our blessings are with the persons who take time from their busy life to call on us, and their thoughtfulness and spirit of love contribute much to our work.

Unity Training School Begins April 21

The Unity Training Schoo offers excellent opportunit for students and friends c Unity to advance along spi itual lines and to enjoy fe lowship with others who ar making a systematic study c the Unity teachings.

The first term of the 195 session will open April 2 and will last through May 1 This is the first of four term to be held this year, and th dates of the remaining term are: second, May 26 throug June 20; third, July 1 through August 8; an fourth, August 18 throug September 12.

The classes are conducte by teachers who are we versed in Truth principle and teaching and who hav had experience in the practic and application of those prin ciples to everyday life. Pla now to attend one or more c these terms.

You may secure addition information about class sched ules, teachers participating housing facilities, or othe phases of the Training Schoo activities by writing to th Registrar, Unity Trainin School, Lee's Summit, Mis souri.

The Future Is in Their Hands

Today's young people will be tomorrow's citizens, and to them will pass the responsibility of conducting the affairs of the nation and of the world. Therefore, it is not too soon to prepare them for their task by showing them that right and just actions result in happy and successful living.

But today's teen-agers will not accept preachment of vague, unproved theories. They demand practical teaching based on sound logic that brings good results in actual use.

In this *You,* Unity's magazine for teen-agers, can help. Its stories are written especially to capture their interest and to show by practical example that right living will bring them true satisfaction and that through right thinking they can bring desirable conditions into their lives. It answers questions of timely interest to teen-agers in the "Let's Talk It Over" department; its "Teen Topics" department includes a pen-pal list giving names of subscribers who wish to correspond with other young people. Each month *You* presents the story of a young person who has achieved outstanding success and whose philosophy of life may be used as an example to follow. A year's subscription for this helpful magazine is only $1. Send *You* to your favorite teen-agers today and place its help at their disposal each month for a whole year.

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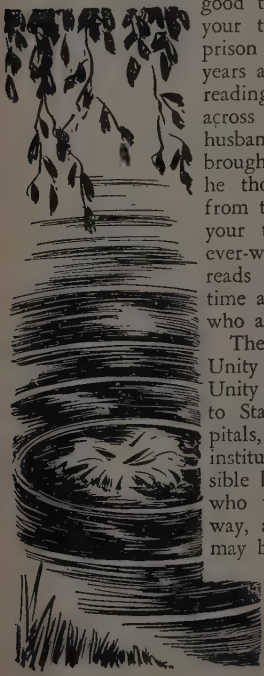
Drop a Pebble into a Pool . . .

. . . Then watch the ripples widen from a tiny ring into a larger circle and finally spread over the entire surface of the water. The effect of a kindly act spreads from one person to another in just that way. When we share our good with another we never know how many persons will be helped by the material gift itself and by our blessing that accompanies it.

Here is what one of our friends writes us:



"Words cannot describe the good that comes to so many from your teachings. My husband is a prison guard, and one night many years ago a convict, having finished reading a Unity magazine slid it across the floor from his cell to my husband's desk. My husband brought the magazine home because he thought I would like it, and from that time to this the good of your teachings has spread in an ever-widening circle. Each one who reads Unity literature for the first time always has friends or relatives who are in need of this help."

The Silent-70 Department of Unity School is engaged in sending Unity literature to the armed forces, to State and Federal prisons, hospitals, and other public and private institutions. This work is made possible by the love offerings of those who wish to help others in this way, and gifts to aid in this work may be addressed to Silent-70,

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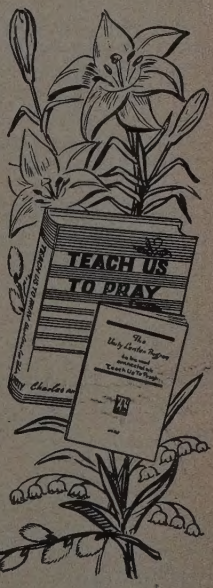
Find Your "TREASURE FIELD" *During Lent*

Would you like to know how to use more of your God-given powers? According to Jesus' promise, you can do even greater works than He did.

Charles and Cora Fillmore learned much about using these powers through prayer, and in their book *Teach Us to Pray* they say, "To Jesus God-Mind was a treasure field within Him in which could be found the fulfillment of every need he could possibly have."

They define prayer as "man's steady effort to know God" and have incorporated so much vital and helpful information on the subject that each year Unity people everywhere devote the forty-day Lenten period to study of this book in conjunction with the Unity Lenten program.

Although the first day of Lent was February 27, there is still time for you to join in this Unity Lenten observance. Send today for your copy of *Teach Us to Pray,* priced at $1, and receive the free study booklet *The Unity Lenten Program,* which tells how to observe Lent the Unity way. If you already have the book, the booklet will be sent free on request.



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"If I Had a Million Dollars . . ."

Have you ever wished for a sum of money that you felt would solve all your current financial problems? Better yet, though, would be to know that you would *always* have ample supply to meet all your daily needs. Isn't this true?

The Prosperity Bank plan can show you how to apply God's unfailing laws of prosperity to your daily life and how to avail yourself of God's blessings so that abundant supply can always be yours.

The Bank drill includes these simple steps:

Deposit a coin in the Bank each day, blessing it with the statement printed on the drill folder that you receive with the Bank.

Read the prayer drill daily, acknowledging God as the source of your supply. At the end of the seven-week drill period you may use the amount saved to send UNITY gift subscriptions to your friends and thus share with them the good you receive.

Use the coupon below to send for your Bank today and learn to make use of God's unfailing supply.

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Please send me a Prosperity Bank and ask Silent Unity to pray with me for a successful demonstration. I will use the drill seven weeks and save $3 for the three UNITY magazine subscriptions (one year each) listed below:

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Please indicate postal zone number, if cities are so divided. U-3-

To Greet Your Friends at Easter

It is nice to receive greetings at any time, and your friends and loved ones will appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering them at Easter. Simple gestures such as this serve to strengthen the bond between you and add joy to this season of new life and growth.

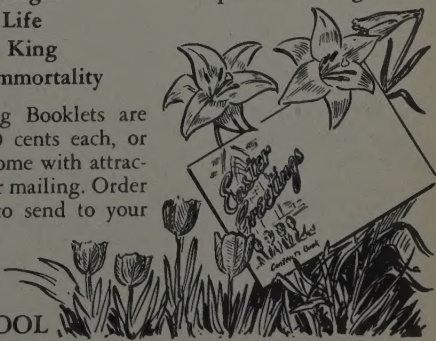
And what better way to convey your messages of hope at Easter time than to send an inspiring booklet that can be read and enjoyed not just once, but again and again. Unity Greeting Booklets are ideal for such remembrances, and those listed below are especially suited for Easter giving:

FOR THY BENEDICTION

A collection of prayer-poems by Frank B. Whitney. Unity's newest greeting booklet.

The Protecting Presence
Preparation for Easter
Be at Peace
The Land Is Bright
The Song of Life
Where I Am King
The Gift of Immortality
The Good News
Daily Resurrections
To Them That Ask
Recipes for Living

Unity Greeting Booklets are priced at just 10 cents each, or 12 for $1, and come with attractive envelopes for mailing. Order a supply today to send to your friends at Easter.



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Spring Came Early to My Heart

The spring came early to my heart this year.
While winds in icy blasts still blew
I sensed the stir of life anew
Beneath the frozen sod. I seemed to hear
An overtone of whispered hope,
And every snowy field and slope
Spoke low, "We seem to sleep, but spring is near."

Yes, spring comes early to my heart this year.
I vision trees, now white with snow,
Wreathed in a hazy, pink halo
Of fragrant bloom. And when I hear
The redbird in the evergreen
Sing sweet and clear, the winter's scene
Is a peaceful prelude to the spring's bright cheer.

Let spring come early to your heart this year;
Stir up your dreams and faith renew.
The spirit of spring makes dreams come true
When wintry doubt is gone; and chilling fear
Is melted by God's love divine.
Arise! Rejoice! Let His light shine!
For in your heart the spring of Truth is here.

—*Mary Mae Oesch*

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